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General Military Information

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1. About 200 troops, 16 trucks, 2 sedans, 1 field kitchen and 4 amphibious vehicles were unloaded at Domnitzsch railroad station after 10:45 p.m. on 22 September. The detraining operation was performed in darkness under combat conditions. The highest rank observed was a Lieutenant Colonel. The trucks were loaded with eight pontoons, planks and lumber. Because of the darkness and the strict security measures, source was only able to observe that two of the amphibious vehicles were

On the following day, source learned that the unit had left for the Lausiger Mark wooded area, south-southwest of Pretzsch for practices on the so-called Fauler Teich. On 23 September, tanks coming from the direction of Pretzsch arrived in this area which was cordoned off. Local residents said that combined tank and engineer field exercises would be held in this area. \*

2. On 2 October, the engineer camp at Bad Koesen (M 52/J 78) was only partly occupied. Training activities were not observed. Amphibious car and truck were seen at the gate of the camp. \*\*

3. On 12 October, billeting equipment and ammunition were being loaded at Weisswasser railroad station. Trucks observed at this operation included

\* Comment. The incomplete motor vehicle mentioned might have been because this motor vehicle has previously been observed in the area of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army, however, only on vehicles of signal units. Domnitzsch is on the Elbe river between Wittenberg and Torgau. It is therefore possible, that engineer practices were held in this area by units of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army similar to those observed in the Dessau and Barby areas at the same time and later.

\*\* Comment. The motor vehicle mentioned indicate that the engineer camp in Bad Koesen was occupied by elements of the unidentified engineer battalion the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div as observed by the same source on 29 August and 13 September 1951.

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25X1A \*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The loading operations observed in Weiswasser are first indications of the imminent movement of the 9th Mecz Div from the troop training grounds. The return of this division will possibly be by road and may be connected with exercises in Kreis Hoyerswerda. [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED]. Most of the motor vehicle [REDACTED] mentioned in paragraph 3 belong to the 9th Mecz Div, but some of them are assigned to the 7th Gds Tank Div and the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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